

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a method of preventing falsification of an image of a produced image produced in an imaging apparatus, comprising the steps of: extracting a first image characteristic amount by a specified algorithm from the produced image in the imaging apparatus; recording identification information of the produced image in the imaging apparatus and the image characteristic amount into a database of an authentication section which authenticates a status that there is no falsification in the produced image; regarding as an authentication object image whose authentication is requested to the authentication section, extracting a second image characteristic amount by the specified algorithm from said authentication object image; comparing the first image characteristic amount with the second image characteristic amount in which the first image and the second image has the same identification information; and judging whether or not the authentication object image is falsified after the image production, based on consistency between the first and second image characteristic amounts acquired from the comparison in order to prevent the falsification of the produced image based on the judgment.

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